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**RE: NMED Responses to EPA Comments on the Site Reassessment Report for the
Lower San Mateo Creek Basin Site, Cibola and McKinley Counties, New Mexico,
CERCLIS ID NMN000606847**

Dear LaDonna:

Enclosed for your review is the Site Reassessment (SR) Report for the Lower San Mateo Creek (SMC) Basin Site, Cibola and McKinley Counties, New Mexico, CERCLIS ID NMN000606847, revised in March 2016, by Angelo Orтели of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Superfund Oversight Section (SOS). The SR was conducted under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

The SR Report was revised in March 2016 according to EPA comments received by NMED in a letter dated December 16, 2015, and a conference call with EPA held on February 2, 2016. Based on the discussion of EPA's comments, NMED revised the Table of Contents and Section 4.4, "Non-Sampling Data Acquisition" to include "Private Well Use Surveys, Water Rights Reporting System (WRRS) Information, and Well Records (if available)" as Attachment A. Section 4.6.4, "Comparison to Historical Data", and Table 4, "Lower San Mateo Creek Basin, Comparison to Historical Data" also were revised to include data associated with LSM-56 and historical sampling location SMC-25.

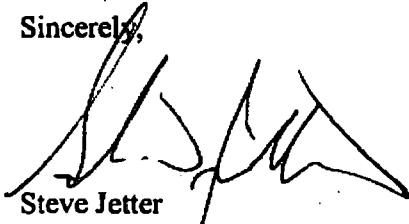
A comprehensive comparison between the 2014 sampling data and historical data collected over the past 10 years was deemed to be beyond the scope of this SR and was deferred at this time.

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Please feel free to contact me at 505-827-0072 or Angelo Ortelli at 505-827-2866, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Jetter', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Steve Jetter
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Enclosures: Site Assessment Report for the Lower San Mateo Creek Basin Site, Cibola and McKinley Counties, New Mexico, CERCLIS ID NMN000606847 (Revised); Table 4 (Revised), and Attachment A (New).

xc w/o enc: Kathy Gibson, US EPA Region 6 Superfund State Coordinator
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